

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance in view of the following remarks.

In regard to the objection to the order of the specification, Applicant maintains that there is no requirement that the specification be in any particular order. Nonetheless, Applicant has moved the "Description of the Drawings" and "Explanation of letters or numerals" sections to appear after the "Background Art" section in accordance with Examiner's suggestions. In regard to the objection to referring to "patent documents" as opposed to specific patent references in the specification, Applicant has removed references to "Patent document 1" and "Patent document 2" from the specification and replaced those references with actual patent reference numbers. Please note that other minor revisions were made to the specification, including deletion of paragraph 5 and renumbering of the paragraphs, as a result of the aforementioned amendments. No new subject matter was added.

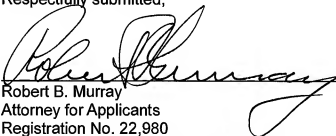
Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 because of "grammatical and idiomatic errors", failure to recite a positive recitation of method steps, and lack of antecedent bases for newly introduced elements. Office Action, Page 2. Examiner also kindly indicated that the subject matter of the claims would be allowable if rewritten in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Office Action, Page 3. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended in accordance with Examiner's helpful comments and Applicant believes these claims are now allowable. In regard to Examiner's point that "wide rib" is a relative term, Applicant submits that such a term is a

commonly used term, particularly to those skilled in the art, to refer to a rib having more than one front and back stitch arranged alternately in a horizontal direction. Please see original specification, paragraphs 3, 6 and 12 and our earlier patents, U.S. Patent No. 6,688,144, Col 1., line 62 and U.S. Patent No. 6,047,569, Col. 2, line 41 for clarification and reference to "wide rib". Applicant kindly requests reconsideration on this point.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Early and favorable action is awaited. The Director is authorized to charge any fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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